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STUDENT DOCUMENTARY EARNS MARK OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

MISSOULA--

A student documentary on Montana mining issues has won a national Mark of Excellence Award from the Society of Professional Journalists.

"Into the Earth: Hard Rocks, Hard Choices," earned the award in the Television In-Depth Reporting category of SPJ's annual contest, which recognizes outstanding college journalism. "Into the Earth" was created by the 1998 Student Documentary Unit in the Department of Radio-Television at The University of Montana.

The honor is the fourth national Mark of Excellence Award won by the department. "Into the Earth" also previously received a Non-Commercial Program of the Year Award from the Montana Broadcasters Association.

The documentary was produced by Meghan Flesh, now a production assistant for Fox Sports Net in Los Angeles. Co-directors were Eve Whitaker, Ryan Moore and Nicolas Nabokov.

Students will collect their awards at SPJ's annual convention, Oct. 3-5 in Indianapolis.

With 11,500 members and nonprofit status, SPJ is the nation's largest journalism organization. It is dedicated to encouraging the free practice of journalism, stimulating high standards of behavior and perpetuating a free press.

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